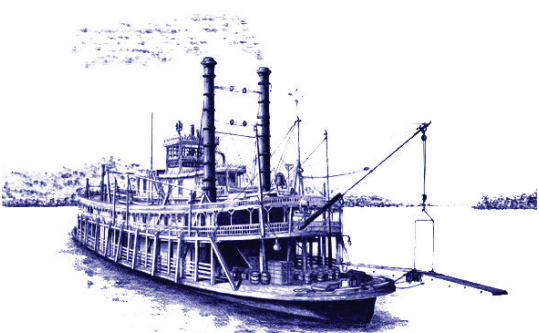




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Solar, whiskey barrel updates headed to public hearing

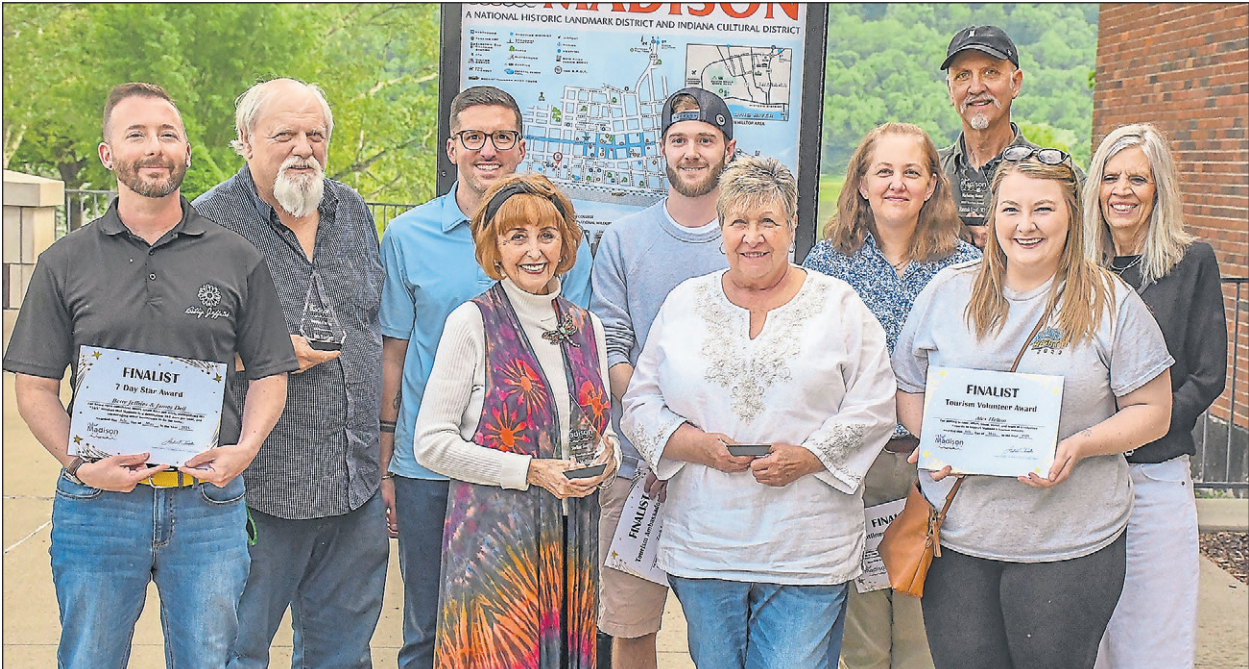
BY BOB DEMAREE
A draft of updates to Jefferson County's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) on solar projects and whiskey barrel warehouse operations received approval to go to public hearing at last week's meeting of the Jefferson County Plan Commission.
Over the last few months, a

technical committee has met several times to develop the draft that will address both solar energy development and whiskey barrel storage facilities, guided through the process by Amy Williams, principal/partner with Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group.
"We came to an acceptable draft," said County Surveyor

Mike Pittman. "Not everybody agreed with everything but not everybody disagreed enough to say we can't go forward."
The date for the public hearing has not yet been set but it is anticipated for early June with plans to be held at the Community Building at the Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds.
The UDO, initially adopted

by the Jefferson County Commissioners in April of 2023, addressed solar energy in that original version but the Plan Commission realized afterwards there were additional matters that also needed to be covered. In particular, there was a concern for what would become of any land utilized for solar farms once the operation

was obsolete or inoperable.
The draft includes requirements for a decommissioning plan, including a bond that's equal to 125% of the estimated decommissioning costs.
"The decommissioning plan has to include returning the soil to the same crop productive
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Hospitality awards were presented Thursday by Visit Madison Inc. as part of National Travel and Tourism Week. Pictured (from left): Front — Suzie Hollinger, Karen Ricketts, and Alex Helton; Back — Ralph London, Jim Bartlett, Justin Preece, Zach Longworth, Kathleen Tague, Charlie Rohlfing (representing Hannah Ernst) and Tara Cash. Not pictured are Beth Lewis, Scott Koerner, Matt Chandler, and Cynthia Phillips.

VMI recognizes tourism hospitality in Jefferson County

Ricketts named Legacy Impact Award winner

BY BOB DEMAREE
Visit Madison Inc. handed out its hospitality awards Thursday for the second consecutive year, a tradition resurrected last year by VMI Executive Director Andrew Forrester.
"We put together awards that are meant to highlight the people and businesses that are doing remarkable, laudable and/or impressive things for tourism, and doing things the right way that we should all emulate," said Forrester.
The event was held in conjunction with last week's National Travel and

Tourism Week with awards being presented in seven categories.
Winners were Karen Ricketts, Legacy Impact Award; Jim Bartlett, Volunteer Award; Suzie Hollinger, Stellar Stay Award; Tara Cash, Frontlines Award; Hannah Ernst, Marketing Master Award; Beth Lewis, 7-Day Star; and Scott Koerner, Tourism Ambassador Award.
The Legacy Impact Award was created to recognize someone who has made a long-term impact on tourism in Madison and Jefferson County. Ricketts has worked in

guest services at the Visitors Center for more than 17 years, meeting, greeting and befriending visitors "so much that there are people who come back time and again to visit with her ... Karen's kindness leaves a lasting impression and it is because of her that they want to come back to Madison," said Forrester.
The Volunteer Award recognizes individuals for putting in time, effort, blood, sweat, and tears in a volunteer capacity to support Madison's tourism industry. Bartlett, a member of City Council, serves on
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Saluda Township operator arrested on 10 theft counts

BY THE COURIER STAFF
A Clark County man operating a business in Jefferson County was arrested Thursday following an investigation into several reports of theft.

Jeffrey Allen Briscoe II, 42, Charlestown, was arrested for 10 counts of theft and one count of corrupt business influence along employees Jason Brian Gibson-Gobel, 41, Jeffersonville, and Shawn Robert Webster, 43, New Washington. Briscoe is also facing similar charges in Clark County.

A press release from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department said Lieutenant Linton Spry began an investigation in April against Southern Smokers LLC, operated by Briscoe out of a building at 3400 West Marble Hill Road, Nabb, in Saluda Township. The business is described on its website as a manufacturer of custom built smokers and trailers. The press release said

more than 15 individuals claim they have been victims of theft by Spry and Southern Smokers LLC, all making similar allegations that they had paid for a smoker or trailer from the business but never received the product they purchased. During the investigation, it was also learned that Briscoe was using an alias, "Chris Vanmeter," that he had allegedly created to further mislead his victims and try to hide his real name.
So far, with the current victims that have come forward, the accumulative monetary loss exceeds \$80,000.
On Thursday, Spry and Sheriff's deputies executed a search warrant at the Southern Smokers LLC's business location in Saluda Township. Briscoe was found hiding inside a trailer on the back side of the property, and was taken into custody. He is being held in the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and
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Jeffery Allen Briscoe II



Jason Brian Gibson-Gobel



Shawn Robert Webster

Dupont Community Festival planning fun Saturday at the park

Reenactment of 1960 bank robbery set for noon

BY BOB DEMAREE
A reenactment of a 1960 robbery will be one of the highlights of the Dupont Community Festival that will be held Saturday at the Dupont Community Park.
The event, a collaboration of

the park committee and Kindness of Jefferson County, will feature carnival games, a dunk tank, a big wheel race and more from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
The reenactment, which will be staged at noon, portrays an actual bank robbery that too place at the Dupont State Bank on Oct. 18, 1960, thwarted through the quick actions of Myrtle Read, a Dupont resident who was at the bank doing business, when the robbery

was about to happen. Read went across the street to the Dupont Corner Grocery to seek help from Claude Wyne, who was the store's owner operator and a special deputy sheriff. According that day's edition of The Madison Courier, two robbers were trying to get away with \$2,035 when they were successfully captured by Wyne.
The reenactment will include Dupont residents acting out the various roles and feature the former bank building, located next to the park.
The festival brings a celebration back to Dupont that several years ago annually held General Morgan Days near the Independence Day holiday. In 1978, Read was the grand marshal for the parade at the annual event.
This year's Dupont Community Festival will include DJ music, face painting, a cake walk, arm wrestling, numerous games to win prizes, hourly raffles and

many other activities. There will be approximately 35 vendors featuring crafts, gifts, unique items and five food trucks.
The Kindness Sensory Trailer will be on site as well as the PHI Helicopter, a hydroplane and fire trucks from the Dupont Volunteer Fire Department.
Parking for the Dupont Community Festival will be at the old Dupont School parking lot and the Dupont Fire Department.
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Pope Leo XIV lays out vision of papacy

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VATICAN CITY — Pope Leo XIV laid out the vision of his papacy Saturday, identifying artificial intelligence as one of the most critical matters facing humanity and vowing to continue with some of the core priorities of Pope Francis.

But in a sign he was making the papacy very much his own, Leo made his first outing since his election, traveling to a sanctuary south of Rome that is dedicated to the Madonna and is of particular significance to his Augustinian order and his namesake, Pope Leo XIII.

Townspeople of Genazzano gathered in the square outside the main church housing the Madre del Buon Consiglio (Mother of Good Counsel) sanctuary as Leo arrived and greeted them. The sanctuary, which is managed by Augustinian friars, has been a place of pilgrimage since the 15th century and the previous Pope Leo elevated it to a minor basilica and expanded the adjacent convent in the early 1900s.

After praying in the church, Leo greeted the townspeople and told them they had both a gift and a responsibility in having the Madonna in their midst. He offered a blessing and then got back into the passenger seat of the car, a black Volkswagen. En route back to the Vatican, he stopped to pray at Francis’ tomb at St. Mary Major Basilica.

The after-lunch outing came



Newly elected Pope Leo XIV appears at the balcony of St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican, Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Andrew Medichini — AP

after Leo presided over his first formal audience, with the cardinals who elected him pope. In it Leo repeatedly cited Francis and the Argentine pope’s own 2013 mission statement, making clear a commitment to making the Catholic Church more inclusive and attentive to the faithful and a church that looks out for the “least and rejected.”

Leo, the first American pope, told the cardinals that he was fully committed to the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the 1960s meetings that modernized the church. He identified AI as one of the main issues facing humanity, saying it poses challenges to defending human dignity, justice and labor.

SOME SIGNS ABOUT THE FUTURE EMERGE

The Vatican, meanwhile, provided hints of its own about the Leo pontificate: It revealed Saturday that Leo would retain the motto and coat of arms that he had as bishop of Chiclayo, Peru that emphasize unity in the church.

The motto, “In Illo uno unum,” was pronounced by St. Augustine in a sermon to explain that “although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one.” The emblem is that of the Augustinian order: a pierced flaming heart and a book, representing the Scriptures.

The Vatican also provided details about the pectoral cross that Leo is wearing: It was a

gift from the Augustinian order when he was made a cardinal in 2023. It contains relics of St. Augustine and his mother, St. Monica, who was crucial in his conversion to Christianity.

St. Augustine of Hippo is one of the theological and devotional giants of early Christianity. The Augustinian order, formed in the 13th century as a community of “mendicant” friars, is dedicated to poverty, service and evangelization.

IDENTIFYING WITH POPE FRANCIS

Leo referred to AI in explaining the choice of his name: His namesake, Pope Leo XIII, was pope from 1878 to 1903 and laid the foundation for modern Catholic social thought. He did so most famously with his 1891 encyclical Rerum Novarum, which addressed workers’ rights and capitalism at the dawn of the industrial age. The late pope criticized both laissez-faire capitalism and state-centric socialism, giving shape to a distinctly Catholic vein of economic teaching.

In his remarks Saturday, Leo said he identified with his predecessor.

“In our own day, the church offers everyone the treasury of its social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice and labor,” he said.

Toward the end of his pontif-

icate, Francis became increasingly vocal about the threats to humanity posed by AI and called for an international treaty to regulate it.

Francis in many ways saw the Chicago-born Augustinian missionary Robert Prevost as something of an heir apparent: He moved him to take over a small Peruvian diocese in 2014, where Prevost later became bishop and head of the Peruvian bishops conference, and then called him to Rome to take over one of the most important Vatican offices vetting bishop nominations in 2023.

In the speech, delivered in Italian in the Vatican’s synod hall — not the Apostolic Palace — Leo made repeated references to Francis and the mourning over his death. He held up Francis’ 2013 mission statement, “The Joy of the Gospel,” as something of his own marching orders.

He cited Francis’ insistence on the missionary nature of the church and the need to make its leadership more collegial. He cited the need to pay attention to what the faithful say “especially in its most authentic and inclusive forms, especially popular piety.”

Again, referring to Francis’ 2013 mission statement, Leo cited the need for the church to express “loving care for the least and rejected” and engage in courageous dialogue with the contemporary world.

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Hanging Rock set for daytime closures this week

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Indiana Department of Transportation maintenance crews are scheduled to close State Road 7 near Hanging Rock Hill on or after Wednesday, May 14, in Madison.

Crews will conduct tem-

porary daytime closures on State Road 7 near Hanging Rock Hill between Pappy’s Lane and Green Road to complete ditch cleaning and washout repair work. The daytime closures will take place between approximately 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

for up to two days, weather permitting.

Meanwhile, slide repair on State Road 56 approximately 4.6 miles east of Madison is now expected to keep that road closed until late June.

The initial announce-

ment by the Indiana Department of Transportation had the road closed through late May but Sidney Nierman, public relations director for INDOT Southeast, said Friday State Road 56 between Madison and Brooksbu

rg is now expected to reopen in late June, weather permitting. “This extension is not due to current work delays, but due to additional work that will now be taking place at the slide repair location that was not originally anticipated,” said

Nierman.

The road has been closed since Thursday, March 27, due to the need for emergency slide repair work on North Bee Camp Road and North Shirks Hollow Road in Jefferson County.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER LODGINGS

May 8, 2025

Jeffery Allen Briscoe, 42, Charlestown, Indiana, Racketeer-Corrupt Business Influence, a Level 5 felony; and Theft, a Level 6 felony. Bond \$250,000 cash.

Jason Brian Gibson-Gobel, 41, Jeffersonville, Indiana, Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and Assisting a Criminal, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

Shawn Robert Webster, 43, New Washington, Indiana, for Assisting a Criminal, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond \$500 cash.

May 9, 2025

Ryan Matthew Cox, 30, Madison, for Neglect of Dependent/Child Violation, Maintaining a Common Nuisance and Possession of a Schedule Drug, all Level

6 felonies; Possession of Marijuana and Driving While Suspended-Prior Suspension Within 10 Years, both Class A misdemeanors. No bond.

Alyssa Nicole Morrison, 30, for Dealing in Cocaine or Narcotic Drug and Possession of Cocaine or Narcotic Drug, both Level 2 felonies; Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Schedule Drug, Unlawful Possession or Use of a Legend Drug and Possession of a Syringe, all Level 6 felonies; Possession of a Schedule Drug, a Class A misdemeanor; and Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Paraphernalia, both Class C misdemeanors.

Abigail Byrn Ray, 30, Hanover, for Dealing in Cocaine or Narcotic Drug and Possession of Cocaine or Narcotic Drug, both Level 2 felonies; Possession of Methamphetamine, Neglect of a Dependent/Child Violations, Possession of a Legend Drug

or Precursor and Possession of a Syringe, all Level 6 felonies; Possession of a Schedule Drug, a Class A misdemeanor; Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor.

May 10, 2025

Johnny Ray Clark, 23, for Communication Intimidation, a Level 5 felony; Criminal Recklessness, a Level 6 felony; and Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

Jayden Johnson, 19, Hanover, on a Jefferson County Community Corrections Warrant. No bond.

Michael Vernon Ray Steward, 20, Madison, for Communication Intimidation, a Level 5 felony; Criminal Recklessness, a Level 6 felony; and Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

May 11, 2025

Jesus Ferro Sanchez, 32, Nabb, Indiana, on Jefferson County warrants for Failure to Appear (theft and knowingly operating a vehicle without

a license). Bond a combined \$500 cash.

Maribel Monroy Cortez, 22, on a hold for Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Department of Homeland Security and for misdemeanor Operating a Vehicle Without Ever Obtaining a License, released on own recognizance.

May 12, 2025

George Kenneth Batten, 31, for Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony; Battery Against a Public Safety Official and Battery-Serious Bodily Injury, both Level 5 felonies; Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Cocaine or Narcotic Drug both Level 6 felonies; and Criminal Mischief and Possession of Marijuana, both Class A misdemeanors. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT SENTENCINGS

May 8, 2025

Roberto Lee Guardado, 30, Marysville, Indiana, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor.

Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation consecutive to 180 days probation on prior resisting law enforcement conviction in Clark County, Indiana, plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Casey Lee Shanks, 34, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine and Unlawful Possession of a Syringe, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction on each charge, consecutive, with credit for 82 days jail served and 1,378 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$989 in fees and court costs.

May 9, 2025

Larry Dale Covington Jr., 49, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 2,190 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 1,141 days and modification of suspended sentence to 1,047 days at Jefferson County Community Corrections. Defendant may file a petition for release after 6 months of direct commitment if all rules abided by.

James Earl Turner, 60, Madison, for Dealing in Methamphetamine-10 grams or more, a Level 3

felony. Sentenced to 10 years at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 145 days jail served plus \$989 in fees and court costs.

Richard Dehart Sparks, 33, Versailles, Indiana, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, with credit for 4 days jail served, and 361 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and 60-day loss of driver’s license.

Wayne Richard Kyle, 70, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, with credit for 4 days jail served, and 361 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs. Last 180 days of probation may convert to unsupervised if no additional violations occur.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

May 5, 2025

Larry R. Ford Sr. and Larry Robert Ford (also known as) to Robert Jeffery Ford, approximately 20.4 acres at 6069 West 500 North, Madison.

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Precipitation, May 2025: 2.09

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River Level at Clifty Creek: 434.05, Falling

Forecast: Wednesday: Cloudy High 79/Low 63; Thursday: Partly cloudy High 85/Low 70; Friday: Partly cloudy High 86/Low 62; Saturday: Partly cloudy High 82/Low 60.

LOTTERY

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto: 14-16-17-32-36-40 (5/10). Estimated Jackpot: \$3.6 million. Next Drawing (5/14).
Cash Five: 6-20-23-32-37 (5/11)
Cash 4 Life: 7-15-25-34-57 CB: 2 (5/11)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 9-20-33-35 CB 16 (5/11)
Lucky For Life: 16-26-30-34-

43 LB: 6 (5/11)

MEGAMILLIONS: 9-10-12-48-60 MB:16 (5/9). Next Drawing (5/13)
POWERBALL: 5-20-28-39-42 PB: 13, PP 2 (5/10). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$93 million. Next Drawing (5/12)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 24-36-43-47-69 PB: 22 (5/10). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (5/12)

OBITUARIES

Kathy Persinger

Kathy was born on Sept. 16, 1956 in New Washington, IN, and was raised alongside two brothers. For the first half of her life, she remained in New Washington, and created a family of her own with former husbands Merlin Donahue and the late Doug Deppe. As her three children grew, Kathy, a master seamstress, worked as a costume creator for the Louisville Ballet, the Head of Alterations at Bacons, and also hand crafted countless custom fashions for family, friends, and strangers alike. Working in the arts suited Kathy as she was creative with a style and personality uniquely her own.

She was also known in her community for being a talented singer. She often sang in church, at weddings, funerals, and was even the lead singer in a local band Country Fury. It was in this band that she met a guitarist, Rick Persinger, whom she would later marry and embark on the last half of life's journey. They created a home in Madison, IN, where Kathy fully embraced her titles of wife, bonus mom, and eventually, Mimi. She enjoyed traveling, listening to music, and cooking great meals. She also loved her dogs and cheering for her grandchildren at ballgames. She was as complex as she



was vivacious. People were drawn to Kathy's infectious smile, friendly nature, and adventurous spirit.

She leaves behind her husband Rick Persinger; mother Pat Sanders; brother Steven Brown; children Mandie (Doug) Bondy, Mariah (Mark) Meyer, JD (Julie) Deppe; bonus children Mallory (Jeremy) Liter, Trent (Jensen) Persinger; and grandchildren Tanner, Megan, Claire, Finn, Rhett, Leah, and Robin.

She was preceded in death by her father Warren "Bud" Brown and brother Dennis Brown.

A Life Celebration Gathering for Kathy will be at Grayson Funeral Home, 206 East Main Street, New Washington, IN, on Tuesday, May 13, from 4 to 7 p.m. Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Memories of Kathy and messages of support for the family can be shared at www.GraysonFuneral-Home.com.

Nancy Marie Slack

Nancy Marie Slack, age 44, of Madison, IN, entered this life on May 11, 1980, in Madison, IN. She was the loving daughter of Curtis E. and Terrie Shuck Slack. She resided all of her life in Jefferson County and attended Madison Consolidated High School. During her school years she enjoyed playing sports and participating in 4-H. She loved art, especially drawing, making jewelry, and loved her cats. She was homemaker, and loving daughter, dear sister, and aunt. She was baptized and a member of the Rykers Ridge Baptist Church. Nancy died on Friday, May 9, 2025, at her home in Madison, IN.

Nancy will be missed by her loving parents, Curtis E. and Terrie Shuck Slack; her sister, Carrie Slack of New Albany, IN; her brother, Curtis E. Slack, II and his fiancée, Cierra Willoughby of Mt. Sterling, KY, her nephew, Finley "Finn" Slack; her aunts and uncles, Kathy M. and Michael "Reno" May of Pleasant, IN, Brack and Gloria Houchens of Gallipolis, OH, Scott and Beth Houchens of Dayton, OH, Anna and Mark Case of London, OH; several cousins, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Chauncey



and Clara Belle Slack and Nancy and Charles Houchens and Marvin Shuck and by her aunts, Carol Slack Smith and Lisa Wolfe.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Brack Houchens at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Rykers Ridge New Cemetery near Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Wednesday, May 14, 2025, from 5 — 7 p.m., and Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 11 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Anthony "Tony" Ray Sizemore

Anthony "Tony" Ray Sizemore, age 67, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Nov. 11, 1957, in Siler City, NC. He resided in Jefferson County since 1970, and was a 1976 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School. On July 30, 1983, he was united in marriage to Cindy Thomas at the Zoah Christian Church in Scottsburg, IN. This union was blessed with a daughter, Hilary and a son, Ethan. He worked as a machinist during his working career with Clifty Engineering and Millennium Tool, Inc. He retired from the Honda plant in Greensburg, IN, where he worked line production. He was an avid golfer, Indiana University fan, enjoyed going to the "Boat", watching episodes of "MASH", Fox News, and the History Channel. He was proud to have won the Hoosier Lotto at an earlier time in his life. Tony passed away at his residence in Madison, IN.

Tony will be missed by his loving daughter, Hilary Sizemore of Jeffersonville, IN; his loving son, Ethan Sizemore of Louisville, KY; his loving mother, Ruth L. Turner Sizemore Gentry of Madison, IN; three his loving brothers, Ronnie Sizemore of Madison, IN, Daryl Sizemore and his wife, Kathy of Madison, IN, Rob Sizemore of Carrollton, KY; his loving sister, Debbie Sizemore Burnham and



her husband, Alan of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Sizemore, his brother, Fred Short, his stepfather, Arthur L. Gentry, and his stepmother, Wilma Sizemore.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor J.D. Traylor at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Fairmount Cemetery in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Tuesday, May 13, 2025, from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

John Merle Skirvin

John Merle Skirvin, age 61, of Hanover, IN, entered this world on Sept. 2, 1963, in LaGrange, KY. He was the loving son of the late J.W. and Violet May Skirvin. John passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at his home in Hanover, IN.

John will be missed dearly by his loving wife of 25 years, Cyndi Gail Dockins Skirvin of Hanover, IN; his children, Richard Dockins and his wife, Tacita of Seymour, IN, Sharayah Murray and

her husband, Jeremy of Crothersville, IN, Cedric Skirvin of Hanover, IN, Hannah Skirvin of Hanover, IN, Savannah Skirvin of Hanover, IN, Peyton Skirvin of Hanover, IN; his grandchildren, Seth Dockins, Jeremiah Murray and Jesse Murray; his great grandchild, Ryker Dockins; his brothers, Billy Skirvin of Vevay, IN, Tommy Skirvin and his wife, Tina of Hanover, IN; his sister, Teresa Lawson and her husband, Mark of Hanover, IN; and many

nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, J.W. Skirvin, his mother, Violet May Skirvin, his brothers, Donald Skirvin and Jerry Skirvin.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Jim Wilson at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Mt. Zion Cemetery near Paynesville, IN.

Friends may visit Wednesday, May 14, 2015, from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the John M. Skirvin Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Fred Robert Redwine

Fred Robert Redwine, Sr., age 87, of Rexville, IN, and the son of the late Walter and Marjorie (Hall) Redwine, was born on Dec. 12, 1937, in Muncie, IN. Mr. Redwine passed away on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at the St. Elizabeth's Dearborn Hospital in Lawrenceburg, IN.

His life will be cherished by his son, Freddie

Redwine; his daughters: Lois and Tracy Redwine; his grandsons: Brandon Redwine, Brett Redwine, Ryan Redwine, Josh Redwine, Matt Disbro, D.J. Disbro, Colt Disbro, Jeremy Eaton, and Brandon Cope; many great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Redwine;

his son, Bart Redwine; and his brothers: Pete Redwine and Jim Redwine.

Funeral services will be conducted at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, 117 Holt Drive, Madison with interment to follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens in Madison. Friends and family may

visit at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Vail Chapel from 11 a.m., until the time of the service on Tuesday.

The United States Air Force and Major Samuel Woodfill Post #9, American Legion will provide military honors.

Online condolences can be made at www.lytlewelty.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Helen Francis Stevens, 73, of Milton, KY, died Thursday, May 8, 2025. No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements by Heady-Radcliffe Funeral Home & Cremation Services in La Grange, KY, www.dignitymemorial.com.

Harold G. Wright, 80, of Turners Station, KY, died Wednesday, May 7, 2025. Graveside service was Saturday, May 10, at Port Royal Cemetery in Port Royal, KY. Arrangements by Prewitt Funeral Home in New Castle, KY.

FESTIVAL

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There will be a Prince and Princess contest on Friday, April 16 at 6 p.m. at the Dupont Park. Participants age 5-9 may participate with registration prior to the contest. Only casual wear is required, no formal wear, please. Personality will be reflected in the outfit. There will be no verbal interview. Winners

will be asked to attend the Saturday event and wear their sashes.

Dawn Jines, who organized the committee that led to the creation of the park, said the Dupont Community Park has been everything the park committee hoped it would be more than one year since its ribbon cutting in March of last year. "We're thrilled with the park. We think it's going great, and there's people there all the time, which we love to see that."

HEARING

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levels it was before the project," said Plan Commission President Warren Auxier, who added there is also language that it "will be required to do soil sampling to document what things are on an acreage basis to begin with."

An earlier draft set a maximum project size of 400 acres but the Plan Commission decided to remove that and specify no maximum project size. However, the draft does include a maximum of 4,000 acres that can be allowed in the county.

Last year, an application was denied by the County Board of Zoning Appeals for a special exception for the Idlewild solar project submitted to Orion Renewable Energy Group LLC involving 3,324 acres in Saluda Township. The county is currently on a one-year moratorium on solar applications that runs

through Sept. 19, 2025.

The need to address whiskey barrel storage in the UDO followed concerns after MGP Ingredients, owner of Ross & Squibb Distillery (Seagrams), announced plans for whiskey barrel warehousing to be built in southern Jennings County, just a short distance from Dupont.

The concern is for barrel warehouse operations that may result in Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) emissions that have been reported to create black fungus that grows and feeds off of the evaporating alcohol. In order to protect Jefferson County, the draft document includes development standards for potential barrel warehouses, along with guidelines requiring a mitigation plan.

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THEFT

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Criminal Justice Center on a \$250,000 cash bond.

During a sweep of the building, Sheriff's deputies also found Gibson-Gobel and Webster, both employees of Southern Smokeless LLC, and they were arrested on different charges. Gibson-Gobel was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, and assisting a criminal, a Class A misdemeanor. Webster was charged with assisting a criminal, a Class A misdemeanor.

The case remains under investigation and the Sheriff's Office is asking anyone who has fallen victim to this company to contact Spry at Linton.Spry@jeffersoncounty.in.gov or 812-274-3983.

TOURISM

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many boards including the Jefferson County Board of Tourism and VMI, and is a longtime volunteer for Madison Ribberfest BBQ & Blues. "Just when I wonder how he manages to do it all, he steps up to do one more thing to make Madison better," said Forrester. A finalist for the Volunteer Award was Alex Helton, executive director of the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Stellar Stay Award was created to recognize a person or business that regularly creates an excellent overnight stay in Madison and Jefferson County for their guests. Hollinger, owner of Stablemaster's Quarters and Livery Loft, was described by Forrester as someone who goes "above and beyond" in serving visitors to Madison. A finalist for the Stellar Stay Award was Cynthia Phillips of the Historic Cotton Mill

Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott.

Frontlines Award was created to recognize a frontline staff person in the tourism and hospitality industry who goes above and beyond on a regular basis to help create a great stay for a guests. Cash serves as a driver for the Madison Trolley Line, who Forrester said "has earned rave reviews from riders on the Madison Trolley over the last year." Kathleen Tague of Clifty Inn was honored as a Frontlines Award finalist.

The Marketing Master Award was created to recognize a person, business or nonprofit that has worked to successfully market Madison and Jefferson County alongside their own business or organization. Ernst was honored for her work with Madison Music Movement who Forrester said "is single handedly elevating the brand and painting a vivid picture of Madison as a great place to visit and enjoy." Matt Chandler of The Chandler Hotel was honored as a

finalist for the award.

The 7-Day Star Award was created to recognize tourism partners who exemplify the attitude that Madison is a destination 365 days per year. A tourism partner nominated for this award should be open regular hours seven days a week, throughout the year. Lewis is owner of Old Tyme Marketplace, who Forrester praised for "consistently promoting Madison." Finalist recipients of the 7-Day Star Award were Ralph London and Justin Preece for their Betty Jeffries and James Dell businesses in downtown Madison.

The Tourism Ambassador Award recognizes someone who has been an excellent ambassador for Madison, whether in their work or personal lives. Forrester praised award-winner Koener, owner of B-Bops, for what he does in promoting the city, "encouraging his guests to check out all Madison has to offer." Zach Longworth of the Riverboat Inn and Suites was a finalist for the award.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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"PJ picked a flower that's only half done."

DENNIS THE MENACE

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"I HAVE SOPHISTICATION."

"I THINK I'M VACCINATED FOR THAT."

ARCTIC CIRCLE

OUR TOWN CENTER HAS NO CARS OR TRUCKS NOW.

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BEETLE BAILEY

WOW, BEETLE, YOU'VE GOT A TERRIBLE SUNBURN! YOU'D BETTER STAY INDOORS TOMORROW

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WASHING OFF MAKEUP

GREG + MORT WALKER 5/13

RHYMES WITH ORANGE

THE SERVICE

Free vacuum? Who needs it?

CARWASH 'n' TOSS

I BRING MY CAR HERE AFTER A ROAD TRIP WITH THE KIDS.

BLONDIE

HONEY! WHAT A MUGH SINCE THE WEDDING SEASON BEGAN

WELL, I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU MUCH SINCE THE WEDDING SEASON BEGAN

YOU KNOW, IF MAYA NEEDS ANY HELP JUGGLING PASTRY...

NO, I THINK SHE'S GOT THIS!

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CURTIS

WOW, CHUTNEY LAID DERRICK OUT COLD WITH A BOOK!!

NEVER EVER EVER PUT YOUR HANDS ON ME!

I'LL PUT YOU IN YOUR PLACE!

POW! CRASH

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HI & LOIS

HAVE YOU DECIDED TO MAKE AN OFFER?

NOT YET.

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COULD WE HAVE A SLEEPOVER?

TO SEE IF IT'S HAUNTED.

FOR SALE

PARDON MY PLANET

NO, THIS IS NOT A HASTY DECISION AT ALL. A LOT OF THOUGHT ABOUT SHOWING UP SINGLE TO MY TEN-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION WENT INTO IT.

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ZITS

MOM, CAN YOU VENMO ME FIFTY BUCKS?

MM.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I SAID "NO"?

DAD CAN YOU VENMO ME FIFTY BUCKS?

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DUMPLINGS

ISN'T IT AMAZING HOW ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GO SOMEWHERE REALLY DARK...

AND ALL OF SUDDEN, YOU CAN SEE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF STARS?!

I GOT NOTHING.

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!

NOT THAT BATTLE!

THE PRINCESS WILL BE MY WIFE!

NO! THE PRINCESS IS MINE!

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SIX CHIX

HEY, DIVA BOOTS, WANNA GO OUT FOR DINNER?

NAH, I'D RATHER SPEND TWICE AS MUCH MAKING SOMETHING HALF AS GOOD AT HOME.

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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH

ENNY OF YA GONNA ENTER THAT BIG POKER TURNAMINT OVER IN PINNEY CREEK?

NAW, IF'N YA WIN, THEY GIVE YA A FREE TRIP TO LAS VEGAS !!

WELL, WHAT'S WRONG WIF THAT ?!

YA GOTTA WIN A TURNAMINT OUT THAR T'GIT A TRIP BACK HOME !!

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SALLY FORTH

BECAUSE OF YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT LAST SUMMER IN NEW YORK, I WOUND UP WITH 13 REJECTION LETTERS FROM PUBLISHERS!

12.

WHAT?

YOU ONLY SAW 12 MESSAGES, REMEMBER?

OH, GOODY! I DIDN'T HIT A BAKER'S DOZEN OF REPUTATION! I CAN HOLD MY HEAD UP HIGH ONCE MORE!

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DUSTIN

MEG? WOULD YOU SAY I'M A HANDSOME GUY?

SURE I WOULD.

IF I WERE TRYING TO SELL YOU SOMETHING OR SET YOU UP WITH AN ENEMY.

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GOODNIGHT MOON

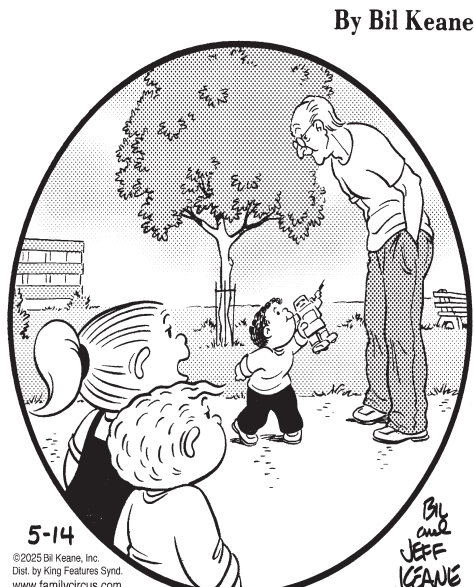
GOODNIGHT ROOM

GOODNIGHT BOOK CLUB.

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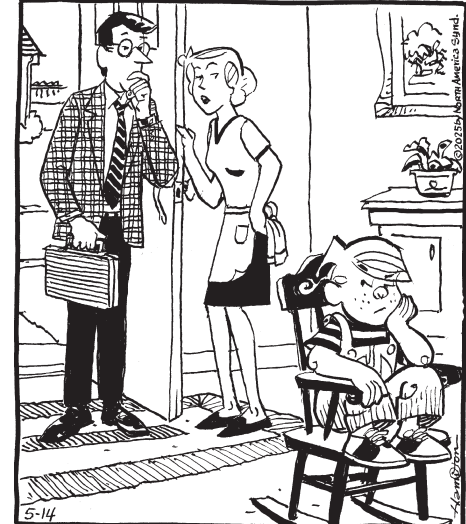


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“Old people get bent over so they can look at their grandchildren.”

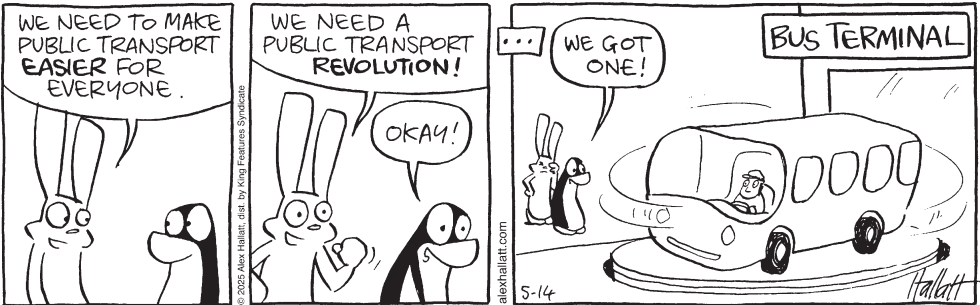
DENNIS THE MENACE



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"DENNIS ORGANIZED A CONTEST TO SEE WHO COULD WHISPER THE LOUDEST IN SCHOOL TODAY."

ARCTIC CIRCLE



WE NEED TO MAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORT EASIER FOR EVERYONE.

WE NEED A PUBLIC TRANSPORT REVOLUTION!

OKAY!

... WE GOT ONE!

BUS TERMINAL

BIZARRO

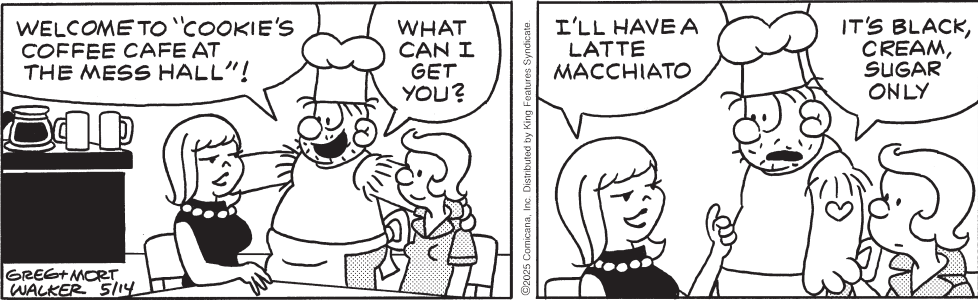


Wayno's 4 P.R.O. 5-14-25

You wanted yours served with ranch dressing?

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BEETLE BAILEY



WELCOME TO "COOKIE'S COFFEE CAFE AT THE MESS HALL"!

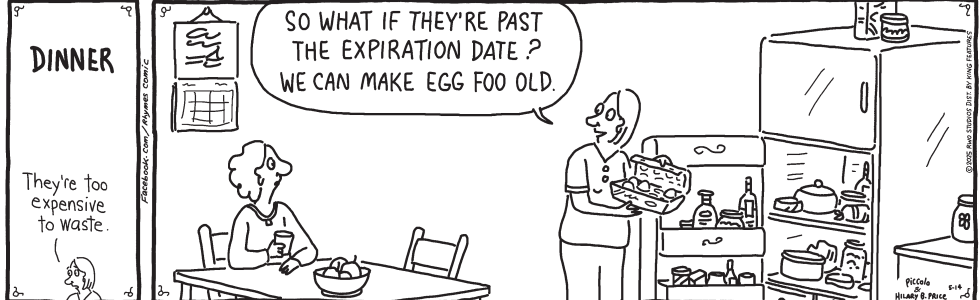
WHAT CAN I GET YOU?

I'LL HAVE A LATTE MACCHIATO

IT'S BLACK, CREAM, SUGAR ONLY

EGRET-MORT WALKER 5-14

RHYMES WITH ORANGE

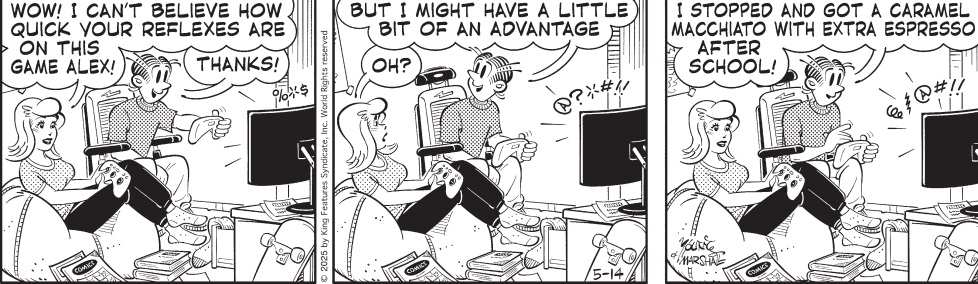


DINNER

They're too expensive to waste.

SO WHAT IF THEY'RE PAST THE EXPIRATION DATE? WE CAN MAKE EGG FOO OLD.

BLONDIE



WOW! I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW QUICK YOUR REFLEXES ARE ON THIS GAME ALEX!

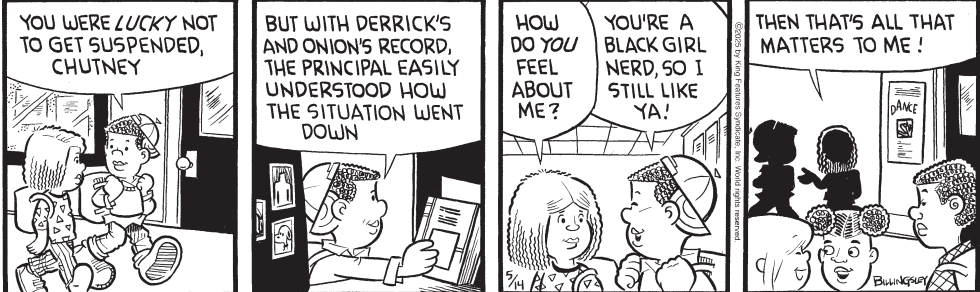
THANKS!

BUT I MIGHT HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF AN ADVANTAGE

OH?

I STOPPED AND GOT A CARAMEL MACCHIATO WITH EXTRA ESPRESSO AFTER SCHOOL!

CURTIS



YOU WERE LUCKY NOT TO GET SUSPENDED, CHUTNEY

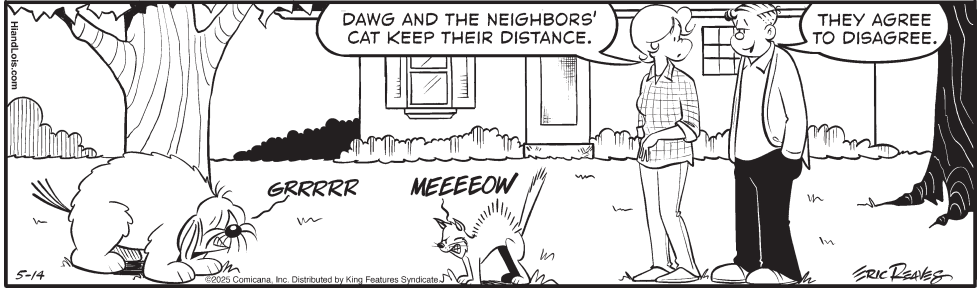
BUT WITH DERRICK'S AND ONION'S RECORD, THE PRINCIPAL EASILY UNDERSTOOD HOW THE SITUATION WENT DOWN

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT ME?

YOU'RE A BLACK GIRL NERD, SO I STILL LIKE YA!

THEN THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS TO ME!

HI & LOIS



DAWG AND THE NEIGHBORS' CAT KEEP THEIR DISTANCE.

THEY AGREE TO DISAGREE.

GRRRRR MEEEOOW

PARDON MY PLANET



YES, I TOTALLY AGREE IT'S VERY SHALLOW TO JUDGE A PERSON BASED ON HOW MUCH MONEY THEY MAKE. SO... WHAT ABOUT WILLS? YOU PLANNING ON INHERITING FROM ANYONE ABOUT TO DIE?

ZITS



YOUR EYES SHINE LIKE THE "GAIN" AND "TREBLE" KNOBS ON A JWM 210C MARSHALL AMPLIFIER.

WHICH IS A GOOD THING.

THANKS FOR CLARIFYING.

DUMPLINGS

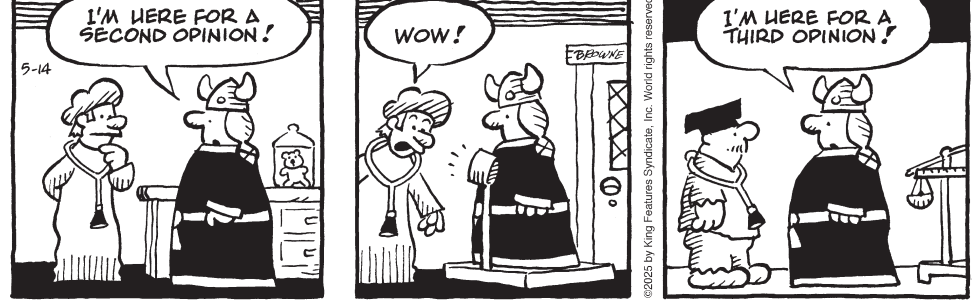


BENNY, WHEN I WAS STAR-GAZING, I SAW SOMETHING THAT REMINDED ME OF YOU...

THERE'S A CONSTELLATION CALLED CANIS MAJOR - BIG DOG.

... AND RIGHT NEXT TO IT IS CANIS MINOR - LITTLE DOG - JUST LIKE YOU!

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



I'M HERE FOR A SECOND OPINION!

WOW!

I'M HERE FOR A THIRD OPINION!

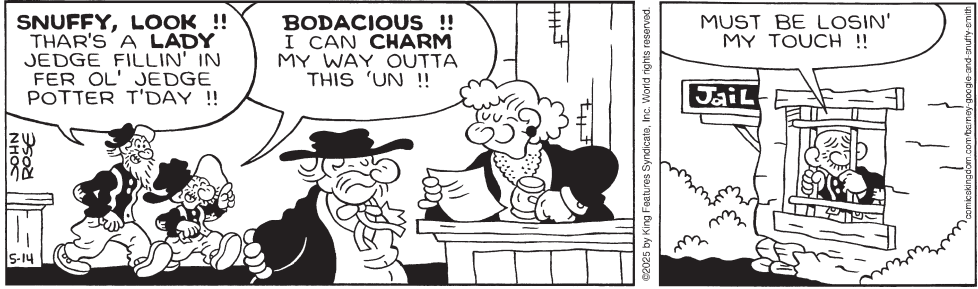
SIX CHIX



IT WAS SO NICE AND QUIET AROUND HERE BEFORE YOUR *grrrrr* INVENTION!

THE WHEELS ON THE BUS GO ROUND AND ROUND, ROUND AND ROUND, ROUND AND ROUND...

BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



SNUFFY, LOOK !! THAR'S A LADY JEDGE FILLIN' IN FER OL' JEDGE POTTER T'DAY !!

BODACIOUS !! I CAN CHARM MY WAY OUTTA THIS 'UN !!

MUST BE LOSIN' MY TOUCH !!

SALLY FORTH



YOU READ 12 REJECTION LETTERS, HIL. YOU NEVER SAW THE LAST ONE YOU JUST ASSUMED YOU KNEW WHAT IT SAID.

SO?

SO THAT'S WHY I CAME BACK. TO MAKE SURE YOU READ THAT LAST EMAIL.

WAIT, ARE... ARE YOU SAYING...

DO YOU STILL HAVE IT?

I NEVER TRASH MY EMAIL! THAT'S WHY I KEEP GETTING MESSAGES ABOUT MY ACCOUNT STORAGE BEING 99% FULL! I'LL GET MY LAPTOP!

DUSTIN



IT SAYS HERE A TYPICAL PERSON BURNS 1,300 TO 1,600 CALORIES A DAY AT REST...

...AND THE TYPICAL PERSON BURNS 100 CALORIES RUNNING A MILE.

RESTING SEEMS TO HAVE THE HIGHER RETURN ON INVESTMENT.

MUTTS



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WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?

IT'S A MYSTERY.

HUH?

WELL, IF HE DOESN'T KNOW WHO DOES!?!

SHAWE PROM KING & QUEEN



Francisco Rodriguez (left) was crowned king and Allison Knoebel was crowned queen at Shawe Memorial High School's prom, held Saturday at Richwood on the River in Milton.



Julie Martin (left) was named princess and Ethan Pichardo was named prince at Shawe Memorial High School's prom, held Saturday at Richwood on the River in Milton.

VISION

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A QUICK CONCLAVE

Greeted by a standing ovation, Leo read from his prepared text, only looking up occasionally. Even when he first appeared to the world on Thursday night, Leo read from a prepared, handwritten text in Italian that he must have drafted sometime before his historic election or the hour or so after. He seemed most comfortable speaking off-the-cuff in the few words he pronounced in Spanish.

Prevost was elected the 267th pontiff on Thursday on the fourth ballot of the conclave, an exceptionally fast outcome given this was the largest and most geographically diverse conclave in history and not all cardinals knew one another before arriving in Rome.

Madagascar Cardinal Désiré Tsarahazana told reporters on Saturday that on the final ballot, Prevost had received “more” than 100 of the 133 votes. That suggests

an extraordinary margin, well beyond the two-thirds, or 89 votes, necessary to be elected.

A COMMENT FROM A CONTENDER

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican secretary of state who had been considered one of the top contenders to be pope, offered his congratulations on Saturday in a letter published in his hometown paper, Il Giornale di Vicenza.

Parolin praised Leo’s grasp of today’s problems, recalling his first words from the loggia when he spoke of the need for a peace that is “disarmed and disarming.” Parolin said he had appreciated Prevost’s leadership in Chiclayo, saying he helped handle a particularly thorny problem — with no details — and grew to appreciate his governance more closely at the Vatican handling the bishops’ office.

Specifically, Parolin praised Leo’s understanding of people and situations, his “calmness in argumentation, balance in proposing solutions, respect, care and love for everyone.”

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Stewart latest Cub to sign for football

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Peyton Stewart has done a little of everything for Madison Cubs football over the past four years but, as a senior, he finally found a home at safety and his excellent play was a key factor in one of the school's most successful teams of the last two decades.

Last week, Stewart was rewarded for his strong play by signing to play football at Trine University. It was an outcome he wasn't entirely sure would ever happen and one for which he was immensely thankful.

"I'm excited to get out there," Stewart said. "I've worked hard to get here and proud to finally be here."

Stewart has played quarterback, running back, wide receiver and cornerback in his time in a Madison uniform. But his move to safety paid instant dividends.

With Stewart helping to man the

back line, Madison fielded its best defense in more than 20 years and it helped carry the Cubs to their first sectional championship game appearance since 1991.

First-year Madison coach Charles Benintende recognized Stewart's talent from the start, but knew that he needed to become a better leader in order for the Cubs to succeed.

"Peyton and I butted heads throughout the season a couple of times, but he's a strong-minded kid and and just wants to help out the team and do the things that he can do to to help us on both sides of the ball," Benintende said. "And he grew up a lot. I saw the maturation process throughout the season. He was such a joy to have on the football field, and he was just a big asset to us on both sides and his leadership."

Stewart admits that he could be difficult at times, but his work

ethic was never in question. Once he settled into the new system, he excelled.

"It was hard the first three years with the coaching staff and just my personal decisions, but my senior year, the change of coaching staff really motivated me to work harder and be better," Stewart said. "That off season, I just really took it seriously for the first time in my life, and it just paid off. This might have been the funnest year I've ever had playing football."

"Coach B, he believed in me and the rest of the team more than any coach has," Stewart added. "He knew nothing but numbers on us and just showing that he could show up and just see how we played and just truly believe in us. For the first time in four years, it made a big difference."

Stewart knew that he wanted to play football in college and spent

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David Campbell
Madison Consolidated High School's Peyton Stewart (0) has signed to play football at Trine University.

Shawe's McClure to play tennis at Franklin

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Kelly McClure has been one of the key parts of a successful Shawe girls tennis team in recent seasons and last Thursday she capitalized on that success for a chance to play in college by signing with Franklin College.

For McClure, the chance to play tennis at a school that she was hoping to attend in the first place was a match made in heaven.

"I'm pretty excited. It was a small school like Shawe and I really like that aspect and how close that the students were with the staff and faculty of the schools," McClure said. "That's something I was really looking forward to by going to Franklin."

At Franklin, McClure plan to major in biology with a minor in Spanish while following a pathway into optometry.

McClure has had a chance to play with some very good players while at Shawe. As a result, she has never gotten a chance to play in the number one singles position, but having a player of McClure's caliber at No. 2 singles has made the Hilltoppers a balanced opponent.

"I've played since eighth grade and I've really enjoyed it a lot. This year I won all-conference in our conference tournament," McClure said. "I just love how close we are as a team. And it's just a lot of fun on bus rides and just cheering each other on. And I just enjoy having that closeness with my teammates."

McClure knows that she will have to improve her game once she gets to Franklin. In addition to singles, college player typically also play doubles and that is something she will have to work on.

"I'm just looking forward to playing at a higher level, and continuing to improve my skills," McClure said. "That is the main things that I'm looking forward to."



David Campbell
Shawe Memorial High School's Kelly McClure has signed to play tennis at Franklin College.

Southwestern dominates field to win ORVC golf title

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern shot 43 strokes better than the next-best team and rolled to an easy victory at the Ohio River Valley Conference golf championships at Sunrise Golf Course on Saturday.

Southwestern shot a 327 as a team, easily ahead of runner-up Jac-Cen-Del which had a 370. Rising Sun was third with a 373, Switzerland County was fourth with a 376 and Milan was fifth with a 390.

The Rebels were led by Wyatt Barker and Braxton Lewis, who both shot 79. But it was Barker who finished as the individual medalist winning a one-hole playoff.

Wayde Barker was fifth overall for Southwestern with an 82, Max Joseph carded an 87 or ninth and Blake Boley was 11th with a 91 as all five Rebels placed in the top 11.

Ezra Dayadharum led Switzerland County with an 81 that tied him for third overall.



Southwestern Golf
Southwestern High School rolled to the Ohio River Valley Conference boys golf championship on Saturday. Members of the team are (from left): Wayde Barker, Braxton Lewis, Wyatt Barker, Max Joseph, Blake Boley and coach Matt Johnson.

Corbin Craig had a 96, Cam Craig a 97, Casyn Peters carded a 102 and Leo Oatman a 113.

Orin Elkins led Shawe with a 113 and A.J. Skelton shot a 122.

Southwestern shot a 166 while Switzerland had a 190 and Shawe did not field a complete team.

Wyatt Barker and Lewis were again the co-medalists with a pair of 41s. Wayde Barker and Joseph tied for third with a 42 and Blake Boley had a 43.

Other scores for Southwestern were: Braden Helton, 43; Michael Sommer, 46; Adam Boley, 42; Talon Wynn, 47; Ben Owens, 57; Ayden Bowling, 61; Ryan Hall, 64; and Jackson Morris, 68.

Elkins had a 53 for Shawe and Skelton shot a 60. No results for Switzerland were available.

Shawe and Switzerland County competed at Oldenburg Monday and Southwestern hosts Christian Academy of Indiana Tuesday. Southwestern then hosts Shawe Thursday while Switzerland County hosts South Ripley and Jac-Cen-Del Thursday.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MAY 13
BASEBALL
Switzerland Co. hosts Rising Sun, 5 p.m.
Carroll Co. at Western Hills, 6 p.m.
Madison hosts Silver Creek, 6 p.m.
GOLF
Southwestern boys hosts Christian Academy of Indiana, 5 p.m.
SOFTBALL
Trimble Co. at Sacred Heart, 5:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. at Spencer Co., 6 p.m.
TENNIS
Southwestern girls host Henryville, 5 p.m.
TRACK & FIELD
Shawe, Southwestern, Switzerland Co., ORVC Championships at Switzerland Co., 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14
BASEBALL
Shawe at New Washington, 5 p.m.
Southwestern hosts Providence, 5:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. hosts Grant Co., 6 p.m.
Madison hosts East Central, 6 p.m.
Trimble Co. hosts Holy Cross, 6 p.m.
SOFTBALL
Carroll Co. at Walton-Verona, 6 p.m.
TENNIS
Madison girls host Shawe, 5 p.m.
Southwestern girls host South Dearborn, 5 p.m.
Trimble Co. hosts New Washington, 5:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Shawe boys vs. Scottsburg, IHSAA Sectional at New Albany, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 15
GOLF
Southwestern boys Shawe, Austin, 4:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys host South Ripley, Jac-Cen-Del, 5 p.m.
SOFTBALL
Southwestern hosts Milan, 5 p.m.
Switzerland Co. at Oldenburg, 5:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. hosts Shelby Co., 6 p.m.
TENNIS
Southwestern girls at Christian Academy of Indiana, 5 p.m.
TRACK & FIELD
Trimble Co. at Gallatin Co., 5 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Southwestern boys vs. Jeffersonville, IHSAA Sectional at New Albany, 5:30 p.m.
Madison boys vs. Floyd Central, IHSAA Sectional at New Albany, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 16
BASEBALL
Southwestern at South Ripley, 5 p.m.
Shawe hosts Rising Sun, 5:30 p.m.
Madison hosts Franklin Co., 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co. at Clarksville, 6 p.m.
SOFTBALL
Southwestern at South Ripley, 5 p.m.
Madison at Henryville, 5:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. at North Oldham, 5:30 p.m.

Madison softball plays three close games

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Madison softball played three close games in three days, going 1-2, late last week.
On Thursday, the Cubs suffered a 7-4 loss at home to Eastern (Pekin). Ava Armbrecht had two hits for Madison, Kyra Ayler had a double, an RBI and scored a run, Emily Laufer had a hit, an RBI and a

run, Rachel Couch had a hit and an RBI and Lanie Alexander had a hit and scored a run.
Armbrecht allowed just three earned runs on eight hits in seven innings with seven strikeouts but was tagged with the loss.
Madison then had a late rally fall short in a 4-3 loss at East Central

on Saturday. The Cubs had nine hits to just three for the Trojans but couldn't get key hits when needed.
Armbrecht was 3-for-3 with a double for Madison, Laufer had two hits and an RBI, Ayler had a double and scored a run, and Destiny Nicholson had a hit and an RBI.
Laufer struck out nine

and gave up just three hits and two walks in six innings but was tagged with the loss.
Madison then gutted out a 3-2 win at home over Trinity Lutheran on Saturday.
Mashya Wells had a double, a triple and scored a run for the Cubs, Ayler had two hits and a run, Nicholson

had a hit and an RBI and Armbrecht had a hit.
Armbrecht struck out 10 and gave up two unearned runs on two hits in seven innings for the win.
Madison, now 9-7 on the season, hosted Floyd Central on Monday and hosts Jennings County on Wednesday before traveling to Henryville on Friday.

Madison gets win and loss in baseball

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Madison baseball dropped a close 2-1 game at home to Lawrenceburg on Thursday but regrouped to beat Corydon 10-1 at home on Saturday.
Madison managed only three hits — singles by Bodie Heckler, Nick Johnson and Elliot Kozenski — in the loss to Lawrenceburg. Matt McCarty took the loss on the hill despite allowing just two runs on seven hits in six innings with six strikeouts.
Madison had seven hits in the win over Corydon on Saturday. Johnson had a double and scored three runs, Briar Boldery and Bodie Harsin each had a hit and scored twice, and Mitchell Cammack and Heckler each had a hit and scored a run.
Kozenski pitched four scoreless innings and allowed only two hits for the win.
Madison, now 12-4 on the season, hosts Silver Creek Tuesday and East Central Wednesday before hosting Franklin County Friday.



David Campbell
Madison's Kyle Roney (11) hammers a shot over Columbus North's Juan Salcedo (22) and Anyu Gong (24) during the Cubs' boys volleyball win on Thursday.

Madison closes volleyball regular season with two wins

Cubs play Floyd at first-ever sectional
BY THE COURIER STAFF
Madison boys volleyball closed out the regular season with wins over Columbus North and Scottsburg at home late last week.

On Thursday, the Cubs scored a 3-1 (25-15, 23-25, 25-20, 25-18) win over Columbus North.
Kyle Roney had 14 kills and 15 digs for the Cubs, Branson Cline had 13 kills, Nick Jines had nine kills and 16 digs, Jaden Woolridge had 13 digs, John Wilson had 10 digs, and Aiden Smith had 45 assists.

On Friday, Madison posted a 3-0 (25-10, 25-17, 25-17) win over Scottsburg.
Roney had 12 kills and three aces, Cline had seven kills, Aiden Smith had 24 assists and five aces and Woolridge had six digs and three aces.
Madison ends the regular season with a 15-11 record. The Cubs will face Floyd Central in the opening round of the first-ever IHSAA Boys Volleyball Sectional Tournament at New Albany on Thursday.

Shawe will take on host New Albany in the opening round of the sectional while Southwestern will face Jeffersonville on Thursday. The semifinals and championship match are on Saturday.

Shawe baseball drops two

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Shawe baseball was on the wrong end of a pair of lopsided losses late last week.
On Thursday, the Hilltoppers were held to two hits in a 10-0 loss

at Trinity Lutheran.
Jacob Hart and Bradley Martinez each had hits for Shawe. Traevin Liston took the loss after allowing one earned run on nine hits in four innings.

On Saturday, Shawe suffered a 24-3 loss at home to Milan. Tyler Hill had a double and scored a run, Cavaan Hambrick had a hit and scored a run and Hart and Liston each had hits. Hill was

tagged with the loss.
Shawe, now 0-14 overall, 0-9 Ohio River Valley Conference, traveled to Southwestern Monday and heads to New Washington Wednesday before hosting Rising Sun Friday.

Hanover men's golf places 6th in HCAC

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Hanover men's golf shot a three-round total of 960 (327-318-315) to place sixth at the

Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference championships at Forest Hills Country Club in Richmond over the weekend.

Jacob Knapp placed seventh overall with a 228 to lead Hanover while Southwestern's Jackson Taylor was 24th with

a 244, Brock Bredehoft was 25th with a 245, Bing Wilson was 29th with a 247 and Griffin Mann was 39th with a 257.

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the year seeking a home to do that. Trine ended up

being the perfect fit.
"I like the campus a lot, and they have good history," said Stewart, who plans to major in business administration. "The campus is really pretty, and it's

a small university, and I just I think I can do well there."
Benintende believes that with hard work, Stewart can be a success in college. "He's going to be an

asset from the get-go. It's just him grasping what they're trying to put in there, and what the coaching staff wants to do," Benintende said. "And he's going to want to challenge

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Switzerland girls win 6 wins to claim Rising Sun Track Invite

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Switzerland County girls track & field scored six wins to finish first at the eight-team Rising Sun Invitational on Thursday.

The Pacers scored 169 points to best runner-up Lawrenceburg, which had 102.5. Southwestern placed fourth with 75 points. On the boys side, Lawrenceburg won with 136 points while Switzerland was fourth with 82 and Southwestern was fifth with 74.

Madison Spillman continued her impressive season for Switzerland, winning all three sprint events. Spillman won the 100-meter dash in 12.84, the 200 dash in 27.28 and the 400 dash in 1:03.23. Lauren Smith won the 100 hurdles in 17.76, Baylee Romans won the high jump at 5-feet-even and the 400 relay team won in 52.22.

The Switzerland boys had two wins with Cale Collier claiming the 400 dash in 53.28 and the 400 relay team winning in 44.87.

Southwestern's girls won five events with Savannah Nussbaum again dominating the long-distance events, winning the 1600 run in 5:22.89 and the 3200 run in 11:46.10. Olivia Simpson won the 800 run in 2:25.03, the 1600 relay won in 4:20.71 and the 3200 relay won in 10:28.45.

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Southwestern's Bryce Weber also won the boys discus with a throw of 135 feet, 2 inches.

Other top finishes for the Switzerland County girls were: Emma Parsons, second, 100 dash, 13.40 and second, 200 dash, 28.43; Amber Detmer, second, 3200 run, 12:31.92 and third, 1600 run, 6:02.48; Lauren Smith, second, 300 hurdles, 53.66; Ashlyn Jesop, second, high jump, 4-10 and third, 300 hurdles, 54.12; Madison Spillman, second, long jump, 15-4; Addy Preston, second, discus, 104-1; Taylor

Kappes, third, 400 dash, 1:05.70; Claire Rogers, third, 3200 run, 13:18.22; 1600 relay, third, 4:34.96; and 3200 relay, third, 11:44.97.

Other top finishes for the Switzerland boys were: Ty Lay, second, 200 dash, 23.91 and third, 100 dash, 11.80; Landon Penhall, second, 400 dash, 54.84; and Matt Young, third, high jump, 5-4.

Other top finishes for the Southwestern girls were: Tori Gammons, second, 400 dash, 1:05.02; Sophie Ford, fourth, 800 run, 2:31.82; Natalee Crawford, sixth, high

jump, 4-8; Rorie Scroggins, sixth, shot put, 27-2; and 400 relay, sixth, 57.33.

Other top finishes for the Southwestern boys were: Colton Thornton, second, 100 dash, 11.67; Andrew Nussbaum, sec-

ond, 1600 run, 5:01.59; Caden Ream, second, 3200 run, 11:00.50 and third, 1600 run, 5:03.16; and Kaedon Higgins, third, long jump, 19-1.

Southwestern and Switzerland County both compete in the Ohio River Valley Conference championships at Switzerland County on Tuesday.

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Switzerland baseball splits pair of games

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Switzerland County split a pair of baseball games at home late last week.
On Thursday, the Pacers picked up a hard-fought 3-2 win over Salem in Vevay.
Bryce Eaglin went 2-for-3 with two RBIs for Switzerland, Roman Hite had a hit and scored twice and Eli Smith, Mason Peelman and Brian Jones each had a hit.
Kemper Kitts picked up

On Thursday, the Pacers picked up a hard-fought 3-2 win over Salem in Vevay.

the win after allowing just two earned runs on five hits in seven innings with nine strikeouts.
North Decatur scored 15 runs over the final two innings to beat Switzerland 18-8 on Saturday.
Peyton Turner was 4-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored for the Pacers, Hite had two hits

and scored a run, Zayne Smith had a hit and two RBIs and Jones had a hit.
Switzerland, now 9-7 on the season, traveled to Milan Monday and hosts Rising Sun Tuesday before heading to Clarks-ville Friday.

Southwestern baseball falls to JCD, beats Clarksville

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Southwestern baseball lost on a 4-3 walk-off to Jac-Cen-Del on Thursday after the Eagles rallied from a 3-0 deficit.
The Rebels led 3-0 early but Jac-Cen-Del slowly chipped away, getting the winning run on an RBI single in the bottom of the ninth inning.
Braxton Lewis was the hard-luck loser, allowing one unearned run in a third of an inning in relief. Tryson Warren pitched the first eight innings and allowed just two earned runs on seven hits with 13 strikeouts.
Jeter Chatham went 2-for-5 with a double and an RBI for the Rebels while Adam Traylor had

a triple and scored a run, and Austin Jenkins and Lewis each had a hit and an RBI.
Jenkins and Chatham combined on a two-hitter as Southwestern knocked off Clarksville 2-0 Saturday on the road.
Jenkins got the win after going the first 5-1/3 innings with three strikeouts. Chatham worked the final 1-2/3 innings for the save.
Jenkins also had a double and scored two runs and Barron Welsh had a single and two RBIs.
Southwestern, now 11-6 overall, 7-1 Ohio River Valley Conference, hosted Shawe Monday and hosts Class 2A No. 5 Providence Wednesday before traveling to South Ripley Friday.

SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Trimble beats Owen for district win

Raiders lock up No. 2 seed in tourney

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Trimble County strengthened its hand in 31st District play with an 11-8 win at Owen County on Thursday to cap a regular season sweep of the Rebels and lock up the No. 2 seed in the upcoming postseason tourney.
Both teams had 10 hits in the game but Trimble made the most of its opportunities to notch the victory.
Jocie Stucker had three hits, three RBIs and scored three runs to lead the Raiders. Shelby Wright was 2-for-4 with a triple and three runs scored, Alana Washington was 2-for-4 with a double and three RBIs, and Hannah Chilton had a hit and drove in two runs.
Alyssa Ritchie got the win after allowing four earned runs on seven hits in six innings.
Trimble, now 16-8 overall, improves to 6-3 in district play, second behind to Henry County (10-0) but two games up on Carroll County (5-4). The Raiders travel to Sacred Heart Tuesday and Emi-

nence Thursday for their final district seed game before heading to North Oldham Friday.
REBELS LOSE HEARTBREAKER
Brown County scored a run in the bottom of the seventh inning post a 1-0 win over Southwestern on Friday in Nashville.
Both teams had five hits in the game. Lilly Fox was 2-for-3 with a double for the Rebels, Chloey Leach had two hits and Jenna Owens had a hit.
Leach struck out four and allowed only five hits in six innings but took the loss.
Southwestern, now 7-6 on the season, hosted Christian Academy of Indiana Monday and travels to New Washington Wednesday.
PACERS FALL AT CLARKSVILLE
Switzerland County suffered a 16-4 loss at Clarksville on Saturday.
Bri Stow went 2-for-2 with a triple and two RBIs for the Pacers and Lindsey Snider had a hit. Stow took the loss.
Switzerland, now 1-10 on the season, traveled to Milan Monday and heads to Oldenburg Academy Thursday.

Southwestern tennis rolls to sweep of Milan

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Southwestern girls tennis rolled to a 5-0 sweep of Milan at home on Friday.
Annie Ford picked up a 6-1, 6-0 victory at No. 1 singles while Emma Hatton claimed a 6-1, 6-3 win at No. 2 singles and Adalei Watson pulled out a 5-7, 6-3, 10-8 win at No. 3 singles for her first varsity win.
In doubles, Raygan Crawford and Ava Barnes

continued their dominating season at No. 1 doubles with a 6-0, 6-1 win to improve to 12-1 on the season. Kaylee Hite and Jocelyn Johnson improved to 13-1 on the year with a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 2 doubles.
Southwestern, now 12-2, hosts Henryville Tuesday and South Dearborn Wednesday before heading to Christian Academy of Indiana Thursday.



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Madison Regatta Board, PO box 341, Madison IN, 47243 has applied to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Law Enforcement, Under IC 14-15-7-3 and 312 IAC 5-3-1, for a permit to conduct a Motorboat Race. This event is scheduled to be held on July 3rd-July 6th, the Ohio River in Jefferson county IN. Any person objecting to such an event may do either or both the following: File a petition with the central office of the division requesting an informal hearing. The petition must be signed by the least twenty-five (25) individuals who are at least eighteen (18) years old and who reside in the county where the event will occur. A hearing on this clause is governed by 312 IAC 2-3. Request the division notify the petitioner in writing when an initial determination is made to issue or deny the license. Following the receipt of notice under this clause, a petitioner may request administrative review of the determination under 312 IAC 3-1.



NOTICE TO RECEIVE QUOTES
Notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the Switzerland County School Corporation will receive quotes for the following:
TRASH REMOVAL FOR SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR
Sealed quotes will be received at the Office of the Superintendent, Switzerland County School Corporation, Vevay Indiana 47043, until the hour of **2:00 p.m. On Thursday, June 3, 2025.** Opening quotes will occur at **9:00 am.** at the Administration Office that same day. Recommendation will be made at the School Board meeting starting at **6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2025.** Complete specifications may be obtained in the Office of the Superintendent, Switzerland County School Corporation, Vevay, Indiana 47043. These forms will be mailed upon request. The Board of School Trustees of the Switzerland County School Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all quotes in part or in whole and to waive any irregularities. Kathryn Collier, Secretary Switzerland Co. School Corporation 1040 W. Main St Vevay, IN 47043



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Hanover Town Council
Hanover Park Community Center
200 Spruce Lane,
Hanover, IN 47243
1. Pursuant to applicable law, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hanover Town Council will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 20, 2025, to receive public comment, verbally or in writing, regarding the first reading of the Water Rate Increase Ordinance.
2. Pursuant to applicable law, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hanover Town Council will hold a Public Hearing immediately following the previous hearing at 6:10 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, 2025 (whichever is later), to receive public comment, verbally or in writing, regarding the first reading of the Stormwater Fee Ordinance.
\$5.00 per ERU for Residential \$1.00 per ERU for Non-Residential
The ordinances are available for viewing during normal business hours at Town Hall, 11 N. Madison Avenue, Hanover, IN 47243. Contact person: Questions may be answered by calling Coby Cloud, Clerk Treasurer, at (812)866-2131 during normal business hours. The Public Hearings may need to be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. The meeting place is ADA compliant. For other special accommodations phone (812)866-2131 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.



NOTICE OF SALE: On May 29, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., Madison Village Manufactured Home Community will sell to the highest bidder the following mobile home: 1997 Holly Park Mobile Home with Serial No. NHP971459 owned by Ann Marie & Kerry David Pies. The sale will take place at 253 W Horizon Dr. Site #266 Madison, IN 47250.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2025-6 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON TO REESTABLISH THE CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana, that the Common Council will consider at 101 W Main Street at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, the reestablishment of the cumulative capital development fund under the provisions of Indiana Code 36-9-15.5 for all uses as set out in 36-9-15.5. The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$0.0500 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The proposed fund will be levied beginning with taxes due and payable in the year 2026. Taxpayers appearing at such hearing shall have the right to be heard thereon. The proposal for reestablishment of the cumulative capital development fund is subject to approval by the Department of Local Government Finance. Within 30 days after the date of the adoption of the cumulative fund by the Common Council, the City of Madison will publish a Notice of Adoption. Upon publication of the Notice of Adoption, twenty-five (25) or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the Jefferson County Auditor not later than noon 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Adoption setting forth their objections to the proposed fund. The complete text of the proposed amendment to the Rate Ordinance is on file and available for examination and copying at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer at the City Hall, 101 West Main Street, Madison, Indiana 47250, during regular business hours, and will be available at the public hearing. Dated: May 2, 2025
CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA, Mayor's Office



STATE OF INDIANA
SS:
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2504-MI-000393
BARBARA SCHAUM, Plaintiff,
vs.
HOME FEDERAL BANK, EVERHOME MORTGAGE COMPANY, WELLS FARGO, NA, and UNKNOWN INTEREST HOLDERS IN A MORTGAGE RELATED TO THE REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 1152 E 400 N, Madison, IN 47250, Defendants.
SUMMONS
TO: ANY UNKNOWN INTEREST HOLDERS IN A MORTGAGE 1152 & 1200 E 400 N, Madison, IN 47250
THE STATE OF INDIANA to the above persons/entities named as Defendants and any other persons who may be concerned. YOU ARE NOTIFIED that you have been sued in the court above named by the person named as Plaintiff. The nature of the suit is a Complaint to Quiet Title wherein Plaintiff seeks to quiet title to the subject real estate and release unreleased mortgages held by one of the above defendants. You must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title in writing by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published and if you fail to do so title to subject real estate should be quieted in the name of Plaintiffs and the mortgages will be released. The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Devon M. Sharpe, of Jenner, Pattison & Sharpe, 508 East Main Street, Madison, Indiana, 47250, Telephone: (812) 265-5132. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 24th day of April, 2025. Tabatha Eblen Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, SS: JEFFERSON SUPERIOR COURT CAUSE NO. 39D01-2505-MI-000415 WFG PROPERTIES LLC, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN OWNERS OF 950 N. US 421, MADISON, IN 47250, Defendants.
SUMMONS
TO: ANY UNKNOWN INTEREST HOLDERS IN REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 950+ N. US 421, Madison, IN 47250
THE STATE OF INDIANA to the above persons/entities named as Defendants and any other persons who may be concerned. YOU ARE NOTIFIED that you have been sued in the court above named by the person named as Plaintiff. The nature of the suit is a Complaint to Quiet Title wherein Plaintiff seeks to quiet title to the subject real estate in the name of WFG Properties LLC (legal description below).
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
0.983 Acres
SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, MADISON TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA AND BEING A TRACT OF LAND AS UNKNOWN PROPERTY THIS DESCRIPTION IS BASED ON AN ORIGINAL SURVEY PREPARED BY HREZO ENGINEERING, UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF JAMES J. BERTRAM JR. LS #22200012 DATED DECEMBER 17, 2024, HAVING A JOB NUMBER OF 24-374 WITH THE BASIS OF BEARING FOR THIS DESCRIPTION IS THE INDIANA STATE PLANE, US SURVEY FOOT, GEIOD 18, NAD83 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCING AT A FOUND 5/8" REBAR WITH O'BRIEN CAP AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST; THENCE WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, N89°32'42"E, 343.88 FEET; THENCE WITH THE EAST LINE OF CRAVENS PLAT, RECORDED IN BOOK 1 PAGE 32 OF COUNTY RECORDS, N17°42'05"E, 1774.10 FEET TO A FOUND 5/8" REBAR CAPPED BY BERTRAM AT THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF PROPERTY CONVEYED TO WFG PROPERTIES LLC, INSTRUMENT NUMBER 202403513 OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY RECORD'S RECORDS, S57°55'04"E, 143.20 FEET TO A FOUND 5/8" REBAR WITH CAP IN THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 90 N; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE NEXT FOUR (4) COURSES:
1. S53°23'08"W, 101.96 FEET TO A SET 5/8" REBAR WITH CAP;
2. S58°49'26"W, 43.60 FEET TO A SET 5/8" REBAR WITH CAP;
3. S64°15'44"W, 178.67 FEET TO A SET 5/8" REBAR WITH CAP;
4. S61°36'10"W, 23.21 FEET TO A SET 5/8" REBAR WITH CAP; THENCE N41°23'26"W, 117.43 FEET TO A FOUND 5/8" REBAR CAPPED BY BERTRAM ON THE EAST LIMITED ACCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF US HWY 421; THENCE N56°12'05"E, 207.92 FEET TO A FOUND 5/8" REBAR CAPPED; THENCE N62°12'05"E, 95.00 FEET TO THE BEGINNING; CONTAINING 0.983 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, COVENANTS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD. ALL CALLED SET IRON PIN AND CAPS ARE 5/8" REBAR WITH RED CAP STAMPED "J. BERTRAM IN LS#22200012, 30" IN LENGTH.
You must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title in writing by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published and if you fail to do so title to subject real estate should be quieted in the name of WFG Properties LLC. The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Devon M. Sharpe, of Jenner, Pattison & Sharpe, 508 East Main Street, Madison, Indiana, 47250, Telephone: (812) 265-5132. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 1st day of May, 2025. Tabatha Eblen Clerk of the Superior Court Jefferson County, Indiana



LEGAL NOTICE

SOUTHWESTERN JEFFERSON COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
Notice of Public Hearing on May 19, 2025
4:30 P.M.
Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated School Corporation
239 South Main Cross Street
Hanover, IN 47243
On May 19, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., the Board of School Trustees of the Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated School Corporation will meet to discuss and hear objections to and support for a proposed Superintendent contract. A summary of the proposed contract is as follows:
• **Base Annual Salary:** \$130,000
• **Performance Compensation:** The Superintendent will be evaluated at least once each school year. If the Superintendent receives an evaluation rating of either highly effective or effective, the Superintendent will be eligible for a base salary increase commensurate with increases provided to teachers.
• **Contract term:** July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028 with options for extensions
• **Work Year:** 260 days
• **Paid Holidays/Paid Days Off:** Corporation scheduled holidays in addition to 20 vacation days and 15 personal days
• **Bereavement Leave:** 5 days
• **Health insurance:** Eligible participation in the group insurance plans, including health, dental and vision for a family plan with the Corporation paying a portion of the premium, if elected, will reduce the base salary by \$5,000.
• **Life insurance:** The Corporation provides a term life insurance policy for the Superintendent with a face value of \$150,000. The Corporation pays the entire contribution except \$1.00 toward the Superintendent's premiums
• **Long Term Disability:** The Corporation provides long term disability insurance for the Superintendent
• **Teachers Retirement Fund (TRF):** The Corporation pays the Superintendent's statutorily required TRF contribution of the Superintendent's base salary plus the employer contribution
• **Tax Sheltered Annuity:** The Corporation shall contribute an annual amount equal to the contribution made for teachers pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement into tax sheltered annuity plan (401(a) and VEBa)
• **Retirement Benefit:** The Superintendent will receive an additional retirement benefit equal to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for each fully completed consecutive year of employment accumulated at the Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated School Corporation as per the Retirement Benefits Resolution for Administrators.
• **Automobile Allowance:** Reimbursement for mileage incurred for Corporation business outside of the district at the federal mileage rate is determined by the IRS
• **Technology Stipend:** \$100.00 monthly stipend
• **Professional Dues and Conferences:** The Corporation will pay or reimburse the Superintendent for appropriate business and professional expenses approved by the Board. Appropriate expenses shall include the cost of membership and participation in state and national professional associations of educational administrators, and expenses related to the Superintendent's attendance at conferences, courses and other professional development activities that aid in the continued professional growth and performance of duties.
• **Other Benefits:** Other benefits provided to teachers pursuant to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement between the school and it teachers' association
• **Duties of Superintendent:** The Superintendent is required to provide full time duties and attention to the business of the School Corporation and not to outside activities unless specifically approved by the Board.
• **Indemnification:** The School Corporation will defend, hold harmless and indemnify the Superintendent in legal actions involving incidents in which the Superintendent was legally acting within the scope of employment.
• **Termination of Contract:** Language that provides multiple ways in which the Superintendent's contract may be terminated prior to the end of its term.
The complete proposed contract of the Superintendent will be available on the Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated School Corporation's website and will be presented at the May 19, 2025, Public Hearing. After the hearing the Board of School Trustees has considered the public input, the Board will consider the adoption of the contract.

Carroll softball blasts Eminence but falls to Collins

Carroll County softball blasted Eminence 29-1 on Thursday but dropped an 8-2 decision at Collins Saturday in games late last week.

Carroll had 15 hits and Eminence had 12 errors in Thursday's blowout win. Lyric Scruggs was 3-for-3 with a home run, a double, four RBIs and three runs scored for the Panthers, Jenna Haynes had three hits and three RBIs, Taylor Butler was 2-for-4 with a double, three RBIs and four runs scored, Malloy Noble was 2-for-4 with three runs, Madi Groves had a hit and four RBIs, and Mallory Coghill and Audrey Carli each had a double.

Groves picked up the easy with six strikeouts in three innings of work.

Things weren't nearly as easy in the loss to Collins. Brinley Couch had a hit and scored two runs for the Panthers and Butler had a hit. Noble allowed three runs on four hits in three and a third innings in the loss.

Carroll, now 14-6 overall and 5-4 in the 31st District, travels to Owen County Tuesday, hosts Walton-Vernona Wednesday and heads to Shelby County Thursday.

Trimble baseball splits two games

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Trimble County split a pair of baseball games late last week.

On Thursday, the Raiders dropped a 5-0 decision at Owen County.

Trimble was limited to two hits in the game — singles by Noah Chilton and Kane Walls — while Dylan Penick struck out 11 in 5-2/3 innings to pick up the loss.

Trimble then blasted Newport 14-1 on Friday at home. Nate Hance had two doubles and three RBIs to lead the Raiders, Walls was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs, Penick had two hits, two RBIs and scored two runs, and Nolan Hunt had a triple and an RBI.

Joey Clark struck out 12 in five innings while allowing one unearned run on one hit for the win.

Trimble, now 6-14 overall and 2-7 31st District, hosted Cornerstone Christian Monday and hosts Holy Cross Wednesday.

Trimble County hosts track invite

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Trimble County hosted 10 schools for an all-comers invitational on Saturday.

Top finishes for the Trimble County girls were: Autrie Bremer, fifth, high jump, 4-2 and ninth, long jump, 12-6; Avery Stockdale, seventh, 1600 run, 6:05.91; Saylah Lott, eighth, shot put, 21-7.5; Autumn Kaltenbach, ninth, discus, 58-2; Sydney Lott, 10th, discus, 58-1; and Kaylee Enos, 10th, shot put, 20-2.

Top finishes for the Trimble boys were: Jamison Isley, second, shot put, 38-7 and seventh, discus, 101-10; Charlie Abbott, fifth, discus, 113-5; Owen Jackson, sixth, 400 dash, 55.56; and Landon Tuttle, 10th, shot put, 35-9.5.

Top finishes for Carroll County's girls were: Macie Miller, second, high jump, 4-6, second, pole vault, 6-0 and third, 100 hurdles, 18.48; Amabelle Tanzilla, fourth, shot put, 24-2; and 400 relay, fourth, 1:05.20.

Top finishes for the Carroll boys were: 400 relay, second, 49.44; 1600 relay, second, 3:55.27; and Aiden Lilley, fourth, 300 hurdles, 45.98; and fourth, high jump, 5-4.

Trimble and Carroll both compete at Gallatin County on Thursday.

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Carroll baseball splits four games

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Carroll County played four baseball games in three days to go 2-2 late last week.

On Thursday, the Panthers defeated Eminence 7-2 at home. Luke Taylor was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored for Carroll, Mason Ogden had two hits and Coy Willhoite had a hit, an RBI and scored twice.

Preston Snow pitched all seven innings on the hill for the win, allowing one earned run on six hits with four strikeouts.

On Friday, Carroll posted a 5-3 win at Pendleton County. Willhoite had two hits and scored a run, Ogden had a double and scored a run, Taylor had a hit and two RBIs and Traevin Shovlin and Colton Dietz each had a hit and a run.

Landon Miller got the win after striking out 10 in seven innings while allowing six hits.

Carroll then dropped a pair of games on Saturday.

The Panthers fell 10-4 to Owen County in the first game. Dalton Wilson had two hits and an RBI for Carroll, and Bryce Furnish, Snow and Destin Noffsinger each had a hit and scored a run.

Ogden started and got the loss after striking out seven in four innings.

The Panthers wrapped up the day with a 6-1 loss to Lloyd Memorial. Taylor had Carroll's lone hit in the game and Noffsinger got the loss.

Carroll, now 9-9 overall and 6-3 31st District, travels to Western Hills Tuesday and hosts Grant County Wednesday.

Community Skin Cancer Screenings



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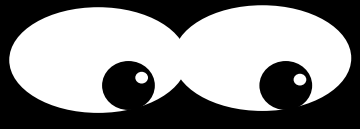
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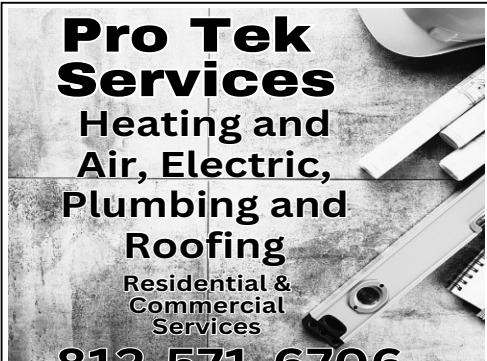


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